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I together with the leadership and members of the Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park support SB 12, specifically the increased bonding investment of \$15 million for State Parks infrastructure included in Section 11 of the bill. I am told that this [would increase bonding in FY 2023 from \\$15 million to \\$30 million for State Park Infrastructure, an important increase in the correct direction.](#)

I am advised by the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA) that there are approximately 1,000 buildings at 110 Connecticut State Parks that accommodate visitors. One of those parks is Fort Trumbull State Park in New London, CT which draws both local visitors and out of state tourists, indeed international tourists who spend time and money in Connecticut to view historical artifacts.

Thank you for the important work you do, and for the opportunity to provide information on our support of this bill.

Cliff Carter 3/29/2022

Friends of Fort Trumbull State Parks